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METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR SELECTIVELY

RETRIEVING INFORMATION FROM A SOURCE COMPUTER USING A TERRESTRIAL OR SATELLITE INTERFACE

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please caricel Claim 1 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Please add new Claims 34 through 53 as follows:

--34. An apparatus comprising:

an interface for connecting said apparatus to a satellite receiver, the satellite receiver providing a satellite link to a network; and

an interface for connecting said apparatus to a modem, the modem providing a dial-up link to the network,

wherein selection between the satellite link and the dial-up link for transmitting data from the network to said apparatus is made in accordance with information in an IP header in a packet sent from said apparatus.

35. An apparatus according to Claim 34, wherein the information is an IP address.